

# Solis

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improving healthcare, the economy and ending a war America should not be fighting. It is a war he has opposed from the beginning, she said.

When critics argue Obama isn't ready for the national office, Michelle Obama enlightens them on his work for people in need. She said someone who does work outside the lime-light, not in the public eye, truly shows his or her character. As a legislator in the Illinois State Senate, she said, her husband worked to end racial profiling, improve health care and the earned income tax credit.

Solis said what most moved him about Michelle Obama's speech was her husband's work behind the scenes. He said that proves he has the qualities of a leader. Barack Obama is a proven leader who can move this country forward, he said.

When he was 19, Solis got interested in the Obama campaign. Now, at age 21, he is making speeches for the presidential hopeful. Two weeks ago he spoke at a rally promoting Obama. Now, the campaign is asking Solis to give more talks

for his candidate.

During her visit, Michelle Obama said her husband was not supposed to win in states like Utah and Idaho, but he has defied the odds.

"People are hungry for change," she said. "They're standing in lines for rallies and young people are involved."

She explained that her father was a blue-collar city employee. She and her siblings attending public school in Chicago, then she attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School.

"When people look at me, I don't want them to just see the next first lady. I want them to see where an investment in public education can lead," Michelle Obama said.

Michelle Obama said she is excited that people who might consider themselves non-voters are getting excited about the election and making a change in their country. At times, she couldn't be heard above the cheering crowd.

And as she left the theatre, she took time to shake hands and sign autographs for supporters who pushed their way to the front of the theatre.

A day after the rally, Solis said he wasn't nervous about introducing Michelle Obama because he was talking to his peers. "All I was doing was talking from the heart."

After speaking at the rally, he said, he has been asked if he has political aspiration. "I can guarantee you that if Senator Obama becomes president I can consider, one day, running for government office. I believe what he wants for America and I want that for my government. I would like to be a voice for the people as well."

# Hispanic Triangle News

## Band of the Month

### La Sonora Dinamita

## Regrouped band now one of top award winners

By **Eddie Cervantez**  
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La Sonora Dinamita is one of the definitive Colombia cumbia bands.

The band formed in the 1960s and regrouped in 1975. La Sonora Dinamita has gained the respect and admiration of people all over the world and their name has become a trademark around the Globe. It has held records in attendance, sales and has received more awards than any other band in the genre.

The group has been under the direction of Julio Ernesto Estrada Rincon since 1975.

"When we perform in front of a live audience, we put on a great show. Our fans have placed on us a moniker, and we are known now as the La Internacional Sonora Dinamita Show (International Sonora Dinamita Show)," Rincon said. "We put on such a spectacular show, that once you see us live you will fall in love with our music and show."

Their style of music is very popular in Central America and Mexico. Some of their greatest hits are "Se me Perdio la



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**Dominant characteristics of the new 12-piece incarnation of La Sonora Dinamita are the trumpets and the high, girlish female vocal parts.**

Cadenita" (I Lost my Little Necklace) and "Cumbias de Oro" (Golden Cumbias).

Dominant characteristics of the new 12-piece incarnation are the trumpets and the high, girlish female vocal parts. The band now resides in Monterrey, Mexico.

"It makes it easier when traveling internationally. It's kind of the midway point for us when going to North or Latin America," Ricon said.

The band has performed all over the world, including for the King of Spain, the President of El Salvador, the Broadway show of Los Angeles, Carnival Festival in Miami, and the world famous Hollywood Palladium in

Hollywood, Calif. They have sold out advance ticket sales in several appearances.

The International Sonora Dinamita Show will perform live on April 19 at the 2008 Mercado Days Latino Fest. The fifth annual festival will again be downtown at the Pavilion in Port Arthur. For more information about this event or to get sponsorship kits, call the Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural and Education Center at 409-983-4006.

Anyone interested in booking this band or any other Hispanic artist for your festival or corporate event can e-mail the OTRA Media Group agency at otramedia@aol.com or call 409-419-0883.



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